

REMARKS

We are in receipt of the Office Action dated June 27, 2005, and the above amendments and following remarks are made in light thereof.

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Pursuant to the Office Action, claims 19 and 22 are allowed, and claims 7-9 are indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter. Claims 1-6, 10-18, 20 and 21 are rejected. This rejection was made "Final."

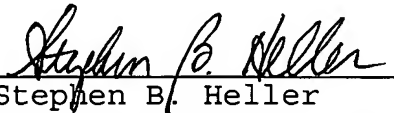
Claims 1, 4 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. 4,648,577 to Weber. In addition, claims 1-3 and 18 and are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by DE 42 13 043 to Schneider et al. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 11-17 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over either Weber or Schneider et al. alone, or in combination.

By way of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 4 and 7 have been cancelled and claims 2, 10 and 12-18 have been amended so that all of the pending claims are dependent, either directly or indirectly, from one of the two allowed claims, 19 or 22.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in the application are allowable, and an early Office Action in this regard is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 13, 2005



Stephen B. Heller
Registration No.: 30,181

COOK, ALEX, MCFARRON, MANZO,
CUMMINGS & MEHLER, LTD.
200 West Adams Street - Suite 2850
Chicago, Illinois 60606
(312) 236-8500